

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2000, rejecting claims 1 - 16 and 17-20 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 2 or 4, and 12 accordingly of U.S. Patent No. 5,950,203, which is owned by the Assignee of this application.

In response to the Office Action, the Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 to 158 and 173, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of prior Patent No. 5,950,203. The Applicant neither adopts nor rejects the reasoning stated by the Examiner.

In view hereof, the Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection, thereby allowing this application to pass to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,



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